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For: Rigid Reticulated Articles and Processes for  
Producing Rigid Reticulated Articles (As Amended)AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of June 6, 2002, please amend the subject patent application as follows:

In the Specification:

The following is a clean version of replacement sections for the specification containing amendments thereto. A version of the replacement sections with markings showing the changes made is set forth in Appendix A attached hereto.

Replace the title on page 1, line 1, with the following new title:

*A 1* --Rigid Reticulated Articles and Processes for Producing Rigid Reticulated Articles--

Replace the paragraph beginning on page 2, line 12 and ending on page 2, line 20 with the following paragraph:

*C 2* --By and large, metal or ceramic materials that have been proposed for bone substitutes have been of low porosity. The art contains examples of substantially dense metals and ceramics with a semi-porous surface which is filled or coated with a calcium phosphate based material. The resulting structure has a dense metal or ceramic core and a surface which is a composite of the core material and a calcium phosphate, or a surface

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